

Program Notice

FGIS-PN-99-21 Date: 12-2-99

STATEMENT - NO TRANSGENIC SORGHUM OR DRY EDIBLE BEANS

1. PURPOSE

To provide a letterhead statement indicating that there are no genetically modified (transgenic) sorghum or dry edible beans in U.S. commerce at this time.

2. BACKGROUND

GIPSA has received requests from importers to provide a letterhead statement indicating that no transgenic sorghum or dry edible bean varieties are currently available in U.S. commerce at this time.

Since APHIS has not approved any petitions for release of transgenic sorghum or dry edible bean varieties for commercial production in the United States, GIPSA can provide such a statement upon request.

This program notice augments PN-99-18, dated 9-23-99, that provides a statement for transgenic wheat or barley.

3. PROCEDURE

Upon applicant's request, GIPSA can issue the following *letterhead* statement:

There are no transgenic (sorghum or dry edible bean) varieties for sale or in commercial production in the United States at this time.

Should transgenic sorghum or dry edible bean varieties be released for commercial production in the future, the agency will discontinue providing the statement.

4. QUESTIONS

Please direct any questions to the Standards and Procedures Branch at (202) 720-0252. For additional information about the status of petitions under review by APHIS, please consult their website at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/biotech/>.

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